

In the Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a flexible strip (3) of at least two different masses (12, 13) flowable with the supply of heat, in particular of a biopolymer, wherein the masses in the flowable condition together are poured out from a strip casting device as a strip onto a cooling device (4) in a manner such that the two masses on the strip form a certain pattern, wherein at least a first mass (12) is poured out from a casting gap (15) and that at least a second mass (13) by way of at least one injection nozzle (21, 22) is led up to into a region within the casting gap and here is ejected into the casting flow of the first mass, in a manner such that the first mass completely or partly envelops the second mass.
2. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ejection of the second mass (13) is effected intermittently.
3. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the injection nozzle (21, 22) is moved during the ejection of the second mass (13).
4. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 3, wherein with respect to the longitudinal direction (L) of the casting gap (15) from several injection nozzles at least one second mass (13) is ejected, wherein the injection nozzles are moved in opposite directions in a manner such that the material flows of the second mass intersect.

5. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein with respect to the width (B) of the casting gap (15) from at least two injection nozzles (21, 22) arranged next to one another at least one second mass (13) is ejected.

6. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, as a constituent part of a capsule manufacturing method for manufacturing patterned soft capsules from two flexible strips (3, 3') with the rotary die method.

7. (currently amended) A device for manufacturing a flexible strip[[(3)]] of at least two different masses (12, 13) of a biopolymer flowable with the addition of heat, comprising in particular of a biopolymer, with a casting container[[(14)]] which comprises

at least one casting gap[[(15)]] for pouring out at least one first mass[[(12)]] and with comprising

a feed device arranged within the casting container[[(14)]], for at least one second mass[[(13)]]], and further comprising wherein the two masses in the flowable condition may together be poured out onto

a cooling device[[(4)]] under the casting gap wherein the two masses in the flowable condition are together poured out onto the cooling device in a manner such that they form a certain pattern on the strip,

characterized in that wherein the feed device for the second mass[[(13)]] is at least one injection nozzle (21, 22) whose opening opens out in a region within the casting gap[[(15)]] in a manner such that the casting gap completely or partly surrounds the opening second material can

be enveloped by the first material.

8. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]] 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second mass[[(13)]] is intermittently ejectable out of an injection nozzle~~(21, 22)~~ by way of a metering device[[(23)]].

9. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]] 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the injection nozzle~~(21,22)~~ is movably mounted in the casting container[[(14)]].

10. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]] 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein with respect to [[the]] a longitudinal direction[[(L)]] of the casting gap[[(15)]] several injection nozzles are arranged next to one another in the casting container[[(14)]] which are movable simultaneously or individually.

11. (currently amended) A device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein with respect to [[the]] a width[[(B)]] of the casting gap[[(15)]] at least two injection nozzles~~(21, 22)~~ are arranged next to one another.

12. (currently amended) A device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one injection nozzle or several injection nozzles~~(21, 22)~~ are arranged at[[the]] ends of feed tubes[[(24)]] which are led through a side wall[[(17)]] of the casting container[[(14)]] and are linkedly mounted on this.

13. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supply feed tubes[[(24)]] are movable individually or in groups with a manipulator[[(20)]] arranged outside the casting container [[(14)]].

14. (currently amended) A device according to claim 10, with which with respect to[[the]] a width of the casting gap there are arranged at least two injection nozzles, ~~characterized in that~~ and wherein at least two injection nozzles are movably arranged next to one another in a manner such that they ~~may intersect~~ are capable of intersecting with respect to the longitudinal axis[[(L)]] of the casting gap[[(15)]].

15. (currently amended) A device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the opening of the injection nozzle is displaced back relative to the plane of the casting gap.

16. (canceled)

17. (new) A combination of two devices each according to claim 7 wherein the cooling machine of each device is a cooling drum and further comprising an encapsulation machine with a pair of moulding rollers rotatable in opposite directions and being able to join the flexible strips as received from the cooling drums in order to form capsules.

18. (new) A device for manufacturing a flexible strip of at least two different masses of a

biopolymer flowable with the addition of heat, comprising a casting container, which comprises
at least one casting gap for pouring out at least one first mass and comprising
a feed device arranged within the casting container for at least one second mass,
and further comprising
a cooling device under the casting gap wherein the two masses in the flowable condition
are together poured out onto the cooling device in a manner such that they form a certain pattern
on the strip,
wherein the feed device for the second mass is at least one injection nozzle, mounted to a
ball and socket bearing, whose opening opens out in a region within the casting gap in a manner
such that the second material can be enveloped by the first material.